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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned case on September 3, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Kindly cancel claims 61-63 and amend claims 88 and 95 to read as follows:

88. (Three times amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising (i) an expression vector comprising a nucleic acid encoding an E4orf4 polypeptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO.: 4 and capable of inducing apoptosis, and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said nucleic acid is operably linked to a heterologous regulatory sequence for expression of said E4orf4 polypeptide in a mammalian cell, and wherein E4 polypeptides other than said E4orf4 polypeptide are not expressed by said vector.

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